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SUBJECT: CHILEAN ARMS REQUESTS

REF: SANTIAGO 1325, 1339

- 1. WE ARE POUCHING CURRENT COMPILATION OF GOC ARMS REQUESTS AND OTHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT. THESE REQUESTS ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND YOU WILL BE INFORMED JUST AS SOON AS DECISIONS ARE REACHED.
- 2. WITH REGARD TOW MISSILES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOLLOWING JOHN KARKASHIAN'S TALK WITH COLONEL CONTRERAS THE CHILEANS HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD THIS REQUEST IN ABEYANCE. AS A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE THEY NOW WISH TO ACQUIRE THE UNSOPHISTICATED ANTI-TANK WEAPON KNOWN AS THE LAW (LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPON). A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE LAW HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS BEING PROCESSED.
- 3. YOU WILL WISH TO DISCOURAGE ANY ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE GOC TO CONSTRUCT A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RETURN OF CHARLES HORMAN'S REMAINS AND OUR ABILITY TO BE FORTHCOMING ON MILITARY SALES OR ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE URGED THE GOC SECRET

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TO OFFER PERMISSION TO THE FAMILY TO RECLAIM HORMAN'S

BODY FOR BURIAL IN THIS COUNTRY AS A SIMPLE ACT OF DECENCY AND AS OF SOME POSSIBLE VALUE IN MITIGATING UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF THE JUNTA IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS LATTER ASPECT IS PRESUMABLY NOW MOOT IN VIEW OF THE GOC'S EXTENDED PROCRASTINATION IN RESPONDING. RUSH

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